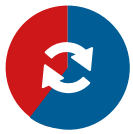
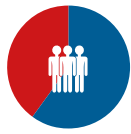


The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is a unique, informal platform for political dialogue and cooperation between 53 partners in Asia and Europe.



**68%**  
global trade



**60%**  
global population



**65%**  
global GDP



**75%**  
global tourism

### A policy-making laboratory

**68** Ministerial meetings

**53** Partners

**13** Summits

More than **460** Events

**140** Senior Official Meetings

Every year since 1 March 2017 the 53 ASEM partners celebrate this day with initiatives and events.



### The 3 pillars of ASEM

**Political pillar**  
Important issues and challenges affecting both continents, including the fight against terrorism, common responses to international security threats, global environmental issues, management of migratory flows, human rights, welfare of women and children, etc.

**Economic and Financial pillar**  
Promoting growth and employment, enhancing cooperation on global financial issues, dialogue in priority industrial sectors, fostering connectivity between the two regions, etc.

**Social and Cultural pillar**  
A wide range of enhanced contacts and dialogue between the two regions on topics such as education, social protection and employment, and co-operation on the protection of cultural heritage.



**ASEM: CONNECTING ASIA AND EUROPE SINCE 1996**



## A major political dialogue platform

ASEM meetings and activities involve **European and Asian decision makers** at different levels: ASEM Summits, Foreign Ministers meetings, Ministerial meetings, senior officials' meetings, regular dialogues and initiatives by ASEM partners. ASEM strength is the informality at the very highest level: informal exchange of views on topical, but also on sensitive issues.

ASEM also facilitates **dialogue between people**: students, think tankers and policy makers.



## Top priorities for ASEM



CLIMATE ACTION



CULTURE



COVID-19 RESPONSE



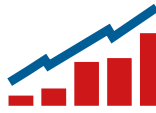
SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIVITY



ENVIRONMENT



EDUCATION



ECONOMIC RECOVERY



CYBERSECURITY



MARITIME SECURITY

## The ASEM initiatives

*ASEM initiatives promote people-to-people contacts and exchanges (i.e. civil society, youth, thematic experts).*

- ASEM Education [www.asem-education.org](http://www.asem-education.org)
- ASEM-Duo Fellowship programme [www.aseduo.org](http://www.aseduo.org)
- ASEM Global Ageing Center [www.asemgac.org](http://www.asemgac.org)
- ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub [www.asemlllhub.org](http://www.asemlllhub.org)
- Asia-Europe Sustainable Connectivity Scientific Conference [www.aescon.org](http://www.aescon.org)
- ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center [www.aseic.org](http://www.aseic.org)
- ASEM Water Resources Research and Development Center
- ASEM CCSTI - Cooperation Centre for Science Technology and Innovation

## The ASEM family

*ASEM fora and side events foster dialogue in the fields of culture, politics, business, or science.*

- [ASEM Cultural Festival](#)
- [Asia Europe Foundation \(ASEF\)](#)
- [The Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership \(ASEP\)](#)
- [The Asia-Europe Business Forum \(AEBF\)](#)
- [The Asia-Europe Peoples' Forum \(AEPF\)](#)
- [The Asia-Europe Labour Forum \(AELF\)](#)



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